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SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG TRIAL (REPORT NO. 12)
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1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: KIM DAE JUNG WAS CALLED BACK TO TESTIFY YET ANOTHER TIME THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 26. AT THIS SESSION THE PROSECUTION FOCUSSED ON KIM'S ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY ACT, ESPECIALLY HIS ALLEGED CALL FOR A "ASIA FEDERATION" AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THE "HANMINTONG". WHILE ADMITTING OPPOSITION TO THE YUSHIN SYSTEM, KIM CONTINUED TO DENY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY. KIM'S TESTIMONY WAS PRECEDED BY THAT OF POET KO UN-TAE AND EX-NDP ASSEMBLYMAN KIM SANG HYON. KO SAID IN HIS QUESTIONING, WHICH LASTED LESS THAN ONE HOUR, THAT HE HAD NEVER GIVEN MONEY TO STUDENTS SO THAT THEY MIGHT FOMENT REBELLION. HE ADMITTED RECEIVING MONEY FROM KIM DAE JUNG, BUT SAID THAT IT HAD
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BEEN FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES. KIM SANG HYON SAID HIS EARLIER CONFESSION THAT HE KNEW REINSTATED CHONNAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHONG JONG-NYON [redacted] HAD BEEN MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO GET THE INTERROGATION OVER WITH. KIM SAID HE HAD BEEN SICK AT THE TIME OF INTERROGATION BUT HAD NOT BEEN TORTURED. KIM ADMITTED VIOLATING MARTIAL LAW, BUT, LIKE KO, DENIED ANY INTENTION TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT BY FORCE. KIM SAID HE HAD ADVISED KIM DAE JUNG TO JOIN THE NDP. EX-STUDENT YI SIN-POM WAS QUESTIONED THE MORNING OF AUGUST 27. YI, MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC), SAID HE AND THE DYC HAD WORKED FOR THE LIFTING OF MARTIAL LAW, BUT SAID THE ORGANIZATION WAS NOT SUBVERSIVE. SOME OF THE DYC'S 150 MEMBERS ARE REINSTATED STUDENTS.
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LIAE HIMSELF, BUT NOT ALL ARE. IN CONTENTIOUS EXCHANGES, YI DENIED MAKING MOLOTOV COCKTAILS OR INCITING STUDENTS TO RIOT. THE TRIAL CONTINUES WITH THE QUESTIONING OF THE OTHER SIX LESSER DEFENDANTS. END SUMMARY.

3. KIM DAE JUNG (M-R: KIM TAE-CHUNG) WAS CALLED BACK TO THE STAND FOR YET ANOTHER SESSION OF SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONING BY THE PROSECUTOR THE AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 26. THE PROSECUTION QUESTIONED KIM AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS 1973 PROPOSAL FOR A "KOREA FEDERATION", SAYING IT WAS EXACTLY LIKE ONE KIM IL-SUNG HAD PROPOSED IN 1960 AND LATER IN 1973. KIM SAID HIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN FOR A VERY LOOSE FEDERATION WITH THE NORTH AND HAD BEEN TIED TO SIMULTANEOUS U.N. ENTRY. KIM SAID HIS PROPOSAL HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH PYONGYANG'S. THE PROSECUTION THEN ASKED KIM IN DETAIL ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP TO "HANMINTONG" AND ITS INAUGURATION IN JAPAN A WEEK AFTER KIM'S (FORCIBLE) RETURN TO KOREA. KIM WAS ASKED ABOUT VARIOUS ACQUAINTANCES AND WAS ASKED IF HE HAD OPPOSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO THE ROK BE-

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CAUSE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KOREA. KIM SAID YES.

4. KIM'S EXAMINATION HAD BEEN PRECEDED THE SAME AFTERNOON BY THAT OF POET KO UN-TAE (M-R) AND EX-NDP ASSEMBLYMAN KIM SANG-HYON (M-R). KO'S QUESTIONING, WHICH LASTED LESS THAN ONE HOUR, WAS MAINLY CONCERNED WITH HIS RELATIONSHIP TO KIM DAE JUNG AND THE LATTER'S SUPPORTERS. KO IMPLIED THAT KIM DAE JUNG WAS LESS POPULAR THAN EX-PRESIDENT YUN PO-SUN (M-R) AMONG NATIONAL ALLIANCE SYMPATHIZERS, BUT SAID HE PREFERRED KIM DAE JUNG OF ANY OF THE "THREE KIMS". WHILE ADMITTING THAT HE HAD AT ONE POINT RECEIVED AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING 20,000 WON FROM KIM DAE JUNG, KO CLAIMED THAT THE MONEY HAD BEEN FOR CHARITY.

5. KIM SANG HYON HENCE KNOWING MAINSTAYS CHONNAM UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHONG TONG-HYON (WHO APPEARS TO BE SHAPING UP AS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE CASES OF SEVERAL DEFENDANTS). HOWEVER, THE PROSECUTION IMPLIED THAT KIM DAE JUNG HAD HINTED AT A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO. KIM SAID HE HAD ADMITTED KNOWING CHONG DURING INTERROGATIONS BECAUSE HE (KIM) WAS SICK AND WANTED TO GET THE INTERROGATION OVER WITH. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN TORTURED WHILE IN JAIL. KIM SAID THAT HE HAD FORMED THE "KOREAN POLICY AND CULTURE RESEARCH CENTER" ON HIS OWN. KIM DAE JUNG HAD HIS OWN RESEARCH CENTER AND DIDN'T NEED THAT OF KIM SANG HYON, SAID THE LATTER. WHILE ADMITTING THAT HE WAS CLOSE TO KIM DAE JUNG, AND HAD VIDEOTAPED SOME SPEECHES FOR KIM DAE JUNG, KIM SANG HYON SEEMED TO DOWNPLAY THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP. KIM SANG HYON DENIED INCITING RIOTS, SAYING "I HATE VIOLENCE". KIM SAID HE THOUGHT KIM DAE JUNG'S JOINING THE NDP WOULD HELP THE

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AFTER KIM HAD DENIED A SERIES OF DAMAGING ACCUSATIONS, THE PROSECUTOR SAID THAT HIS DENIALS COULD BE PROVED FALSE IF PAK CHONG-HUN [redacted] IS APPREHENDED.

8. THE REST OF THE SEVEN LESSER DEFENDANTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING QUESTIONED. THE FIRST, REINSTATED STUDENT YI SIN-POM (N-R), DENIED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED HIS ROLE IN THE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH COUNCIL (DYC). ALTHOUGH SOME MEMBERS OF THE "NATIONAL ALLIANCE" SERVED THE DYC AS ADVISORS, THE LINKS BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WERE WEAK. YI ADMITTED HIS ARREST LAST JUNE IN CONNECTION WITH THE YWCA CASE AND SAID HE HAD DONE EVERYTHING HE COULD TO SEE THAT MARTIAL LAW WAS LIFTED, BUT BRANDED CHARGES HE HAD MADE MOLOTOV COCKTAILS "A LIE". YI HAD A NOISY EXCHANGE WITH THE PROSECUTION OVER AN ALLEGED MEETING WITH EX-NDP ASSEMBLYMAN YI TAEK-TON (N-R). YI SIN-TON DENIED THAT THE MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE WHEN THE PROSECUTION SAID IT HAD OR THAT CERTAIN SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED.
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HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT ASKED YI TAEK-TON TO USE PUBLIC PRESSURE TO GET THE U.S. TO CHANGE ITS POLICY, SAYING THAT TO DO SO WOULD BE "ROADYISM". YI DENIED SUPPORTING ANY ONE PERSON FOR THE NATION'S LEADER AND SAID HE HAD URGED ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH HE BELONGED TO REFRAIN FROM JOINING STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS.
7. COMMENT: THE COURT'S DECISION TO EXAMINE THE SEVEN LESSER DEFENDANTS BEFORE MOVING AHEAD ON THE CASES OF KIM DAE JUNG AND THE SIX MAIN DEFENDANTS WILL OBVIOUSLY DELAY THE VERDICT AT LEAST TWO OR THREE DAYS. MONJO
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